By Mr. Costello of Newburyport (by request), petition filed at the request of James M. Thiverge for legislation to provide tax credits to community hospitals and teaching hospitals linking with health related businesses. Revenue.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 This Act would allow Community and Teachings Hospital
- 2 certain tax credits for linking with health care related businesses.
- 3 It would allow business tax credits for promoting good health
- 4 habits by providing certain benefits to their employees such as
- 5 financial offsets for subsidizing certain activities promoting good
- 6 health. Entities promoting health care must be certified by the
- 7 appropriate health care agencies and the/or the tax department to
- 8 qualify for the tax credit. Individuals who these certain health care
- 9 entities to promote their own health and the general health should
- 10 be allowed tax deductions to offset the cost of the expenditures.